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SUBJ: SADDAM HUSSEIN VISIT TO SPAIN

1. RCC VICE CHAIRMAN AND KEY MAN OF IRAQI REGIME SADDAM HUSSEIN IS, ACCORDING TO SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES, EXPECTED TO MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO SPAIN IN VERY NEAR FUTURE.

2. IT IS SURPRISING THAT SADDAM HUSSEIN WOULD LEAVE COUNTRY SO SOON AFTER VISIT TO RABAT AND ALGIERS AND IN VIEW OF APPARENTLY SERIOUS ILLNESS OF PRESIDENT AL-BAKR; NOT TO MENTION KURDISH WAR AND APPROACHING MUSLIM HOLIDAYS. IF VISIT DOES TAKE PLACE, IT WOULD BE SIGN OF CONFIDENCE WITH WHICH SADDAM VIEWS HIS POWER POSITION AND PRESUMABLY IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO EXPANDING RELATIONS WITH SPAIN AND WESTERN EUROPE.
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